

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~June 1st, 1959COCOM Document No. 3553COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONUNITED KINGDOM PROPOSAL TO EXPORT QUARTZ CRYSTALS TO POLANDMay 28th, 1959

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM 3330, 3515.

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the Committee to the United Kingdom proposal to export 1129 quartz crystal units to Poland. He invited Delegates to give the views of their authorities.
2. The UNITED STATES Delegate said that his authorities were concerned, on the basis of a preliminary study of the United Kingdom request, about the cumulative effect of quartz crystal exceptions to Poland. This was especially the case for another large quantity claimed to be for the same end-use as that given in a previous exception (COCOM 3330). The United States authorities were also sensitive to the fact that the specifications in this case were equivalent to US JAN specifications for military types. The close tolerances and temperature ranges demanded of the United Kingdom types were not considered by the United States authorities to be necessary for the claimed end-use but were important for military purposes. In view of the strategic implications both of large scale exports of embargoed crystals to Poland and of the apparent suitability for military purposes of the crystals in question, the United States could not at this time give its agreement to the exception requested. However, the United States authorities were still studying the case and would appreciate any additional and more specific information on the end-use of the crystals. It would also be appreciated if figures could be provided on the actual export of Item 1587 crystals during 1958-59 by countries of origin.
3. The GERMAN Delegate commented that his authorities did not contest the fact that some of the crystals listed in the United Kingdom Memorandum could be used for strategic purposes but they had raised no objection because of the small numbers concerned and because they considered that the stated end-use was reasonable.
4. There were no objections from other Members of the Committee.
5. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate expressed his thanks to the Members of the Committee for the views they had given and pointed out that paragraph 4 of his Memorandum drew the attention of Delegations to previous exceptions of this type of material which had been agreed by the Committee. This paragraph was included only to show that the United Kingdom had carefully considered the question of the cumulative effect of these exports and that this aspect had been taken into account before the exceptions request had been submitted. In the opinion of his authorities the danger point had not yet been reached.

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6. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the only statistics available in the Secretariat were based on the monthly returns made by Member Countries and referred largely to licences issued and not to actual exports. The following table was based on monthly statistical returns concerning Item 1587 during the period January 1st 1958 - March 31st 1959:

| | 1958 | | 1959 January - March | | Total Value |
|----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Denmark | :10 kgs | :\$ 245 | :6 pieces | :\$ 100 | : \$ 345 |
| France | :4,980 kgs | :\$8,564 | : - | : - | : \$ 8,564 |
| Germany | :21 pieces | :\$ 666 | :20 pieces | :\$ 246* | : \$ 912 |
| Netherlands | : - | : - | :8 pieces | :\$ 58 | : \$ 58 |
| United Kingdom | :174 pieces | :\$1,368 | :2,665 pieces | :\$11,677 | : \$ 13,045 |
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| | : | :\$10,843 | : | :\$12,081 | : \$ 22,924 |
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* No figure available for March.

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